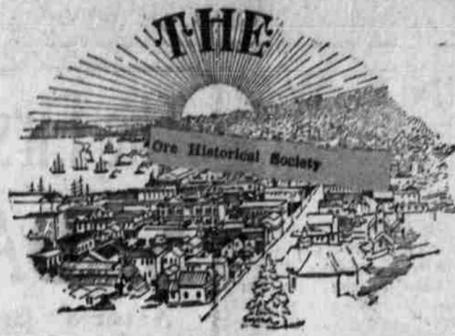


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## NAVAL BATTLE

### Russia and Japan Coming Together

### A SEA FIGHT IMMINENT

### The Russian and Japanese Battle Ships and Squadrons Approaching

### WATCHED WITH INTEREST

### The Greatest Naval Battle of the War Only a Question of a Very Few Days and Will Probably Decide Whether It Shall Be Peace or War.

Penang, West Coast of Malay Peninsula, April 8.—The steamers which have arrived at Penang report the sighting of a large Russian fleet in the straits of Malacca. It included 25 transports and was steering toward Singapore.

The steamer Kumsang reports having sighted 12 cruisers, presumably Japanese, steaming some distance ahead—evidently a Japanese scouting squadron.

There is much excitement here and in Singapore over the anticipation of an engagement in Malayan waters.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, April 8, 2:15 p. m.—The Russian fleet (reported by the British steamer Tara) has been sighted, heading apparently for Duran straits, 37 miles south southwest of Singapore.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, April 8, 3:10 p. m.—The Russian fleet is now passing, steering northeastward.

Hongkong, April 8.—In consequence of the appearance of a fleet in the straits of Malacca, the China squadron is preparing to put to sea.

Singapore, Straits Settlement, April 8.—The Russian battleship squadron passed here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Forty-four ships were steaming slowly at about eight knots an hour, four abreast and presented a striking spectacle. The vessels, however, bore evidence of the effects of a sea voyage and at the water lines showed sea weeds a foot long. The squadron was led by a large cruiser, followed by three former converted Hamburg-American ships.

Then came the cruisers, colliers and battleships, etc. The colliers were mostly in the center of the fleet. The decks of the warships were coal laden, while the colliers and former Hamburg-American liners were of light draft. The fleet passed seven miles out.

The fleet consisted of six battleships, nine cruisers, eight torpedo boat destroyers, three volunteer fleet vessels, 16 colliers, one salvage ship and one hospital ship. The fleet did not stop to receive dispatches or consult the consul. Subsequently the consul visited the Russian ship, talking to him from the launch. He did not board the vessels, but was cheered heartily on leaving the side of the ship. The consul gave to the ship the first news of the fall of Mukden.

The vessels were burning soft coal and a tremendous smoke was visible for miles. The gangways were not lowered and nobody was permitted on board the vessels. No news was vouchsafed. Only launches were allowed to approach the fleet. The natives lined the sea front greatly excited. The squadron disappeared about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the smoke is still visible on the eastern horizon.

### EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED.

### Blast of Powder Accidentally Discharged in a Quarry.

Allisonia, Va., April 8.—While tapping powder this afternoon in a blast at the Ardway limestone quarry about four miles west of Allisonia, the blast was accidentally discharged. This

caused the explosion of two other blasts, which had been set near by. Six negroes and two white men were killed and two others so badly injured as to leave little hope of their recovery.

### Chicago Strike.

### Employers to Seek a Conference With Labor Leaders.

Chicago, April 8.—In the final hope of preventing a great strike developing out of Montgomery & Ward troubles, the Chicago Employers' Association will seek a conference with the union leaders. A committee, headed by John V. Farwell, Jr., was appointed at a meeting of the Employers' Association this evening to arrange a meeting with the officials conducting the strike.

### WILL MEET RUSSIANS.

### List of Battleships and Cruisers in Toga's Fleet.

Singapore, April 8.—It is reported that Admiral Toga's fleet is not far away and a battle is momentarily expected. Toga's fleet consists of 5 battleships, 9 armored cruisers, 30 unarmored cruisers, 20 destroyers and 35 torpedo boats. The greatest naval battle of the world is expected to take place Sunday.

### SOLD THEIR DAUGHTER.

### Countess to Receive \$15,000 Increase in Allowance.

Dresden, April 8.—King Frederick Augustus has given his consent to the raising of the yearly allowance of his former wife, the Countess Montignoso, to \$15,000 in return for the surrender of their daughter. It is believed that this will settle the controversy between the King and his divorced wife.

## ANOTHER MURDER

### Had His Throat Cut by Mulatto Bell Boy

### JEALOUSY CAUSED TROUBLE

### The Murderer Bespattered with Blood, Ran to the Nearest Police Station, Yelling Murder and Gave Himself Up to the Authorities.

New York, April 8.—Winfield Pope, formerly a wealthy horse owner on the Pacific coast, who in recent years has been earning a livelihood as a bartender in this city, has been probably fatally wounded by P. J. Ware, a mulatto bell boy. Jealousy caused the trouble. Pope's neck was cut half through, all the muscles having been severed so that he was unable to control his head when found by the police. According to Ware the fight was started by Pope, who, he said, invaded his room in Thirty-first street and attacked him with a revolver. Forcing back his assailant Ware seized a razor and slashed him across the back of the neck from one side of the jaw to the other and made his escape.

The mulatto, bespattered with blood, ran through Sixth avenue to the nearest police station. His cries of "Murder" attracted a great crowd. When the officers found Pope he was, despite his wound, engaged in demolishing mirrors and furniture and had almost wrecked the rooms.

In November last, Pope shot and killed a thief known as John Coakley, who had accused the bartender of being a "stool pigeon" in the employ of the police. He was exonerated by the coroner.

### RETRENCHMENT IN VENEZUELA.

### Supernumeraries Discharged and Yellow Fever Reported.

New York, April 8.—Details are still lacking as to the adjustment of the external debts of Venezuela, says a Herald dispatch from Caracas.

The settlement of the internal debt is rigorous. Accrued interest for six years is wiped out. The new 3 per cents are secured by the alcohol tax and replace the existing 6 and 12 per cents. Foreign holdings are said to be heavy.

The government has abolished all the honorary consul generalships, consulates and vice consulates.

Some cases of yellow fever are reported.

## LAND FRAUDS

### Grand Jury Completes Its Labors.

### FIVE NEW INDICTMENTS

### During Its Session Has Returned Fifty Indictments for Land Frauds.

### PROMINENT MEN ON THE LIST

### Probable That a New Grand Jury Will Be Convened and Continue the Work and Will Investigate Frauds in Every County in the State.

Portland, April 8.—In a matter consistent with its previous record the United States federal grand jury, which has conducted investigations into alleged land frauds perpetrated in this state, today bade adieu to the public and passed out of existence after returning five indictments implicating 15 men, among whom are the heads of perhaps the largest lumbering concerns in the state, including a state senator, receiver of a land office and a minister of the gospel.

Never in the history of the North Pacific coast has a similar body of men achieved as remarkable a record as has this grand jury, which altogether returned 24 indictments in connection with alleged conspiracies.

The indictments prefer charges against nearly 50 different persons all told. In their number, besides those enumerated above, is a United States senator, two congressmen, United States district attorney, several officials of the land departments, several state senators, several county and municipal officers and a number of prominent attorneys, livestock men timbermen and cashed officer of the United States army.

The jury which went out of existence today is not believed to have concluded its investigations of alleged fraudulent practices in securing public lands in this state, from the fact that United States District Attorney Heney spent a considerable portion of the day in consultation with United States Commissioner C. J. Reed, and it is thought to be Mr. Heney's intention to secure a new grand jury and continue the work.

The five indictments returned today are the first to be returned since the grand jury reconvened last Monday. In these indictments, besides State Senator R. A. Booth, manager of the Kelly Lumber Company, are numbered his brother, Henry J. Booth, receiver of the Roseburg land office; Frank D. Alley, Roseburg abstractor; A. R. and Edward Downs, a Seattle timberman; Rev. Stephen W. Turnell, a Roseburg minister; Edward Singleton, a brother-in-law of the Booths; William N. Jones, a Portland timberman; Thaddeus S. Potter, formerly a law clerk in the law office of F. P. Mays; H. L. Sissler of Seattle, Daniel Clark, an ex-soldier of the rebellion; Clarence B. Zachery, Col. D. Barnard and Charles A. Watson of Fossil.

With the exception of Daniel Clark, Col. D. Barnard, Charles A. Watson and Clarence B. Zachery, all were indicted on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government of a portion of its public lands. Barnard, Watson and Zachery are indicted on a charge of swearing falsely in regard to final proofs, by means of which the Butte Creek Land, Lumber & Livestock Company, it is charged, secured many hundreds of acres of land. The indictments against Alley and Rev. Turnell of Roseburg and A. B. and Edward R. Downs, is relative to which, during 1901-2-3, some hundred thousand acres of land were pronounced one of the finest bodies of timber lands in Oregon. They were fraudulently seized in the region of the boundary line between Douglass and Coos coun-

ties in southern and western Oregon. Senator Booth and his brother, Henry Booth, and Singleton, a brother-in-law of Booth, are indicted on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government out a portion of the public lands by inducing Thomas Ages of Roseburg to prove up on an abandoned homestead.

The indictments of Jones, Sissler and Clark concerns alleged procurement of exsoldiers of the rebellion to make locations on government lands in the old Siletz Indian reservation.

### LICENSE ON AUTOMOBILES.

### Pay a Certain Sum For Each Person for Every Mile.

New York, April 8.—Automobilists must now pay a total of one cent a mile for machines holding two persons and two cents a mile for three persons or more on all toll roads in the state of New Jersey. A bill to that effect passed at the recent session of the legislature, has been signed by Governor Stokes.

Roads upon which the new law will apply are, however, not numerous.

### Arrested at Seaside.

Constable A. E. Miller of Seaside arrived in Astoria yesterday having in charge a man named Stockton, who had been employed at the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company's box factory, who waived examination before Recorder J. E. Alacraz upon a charge of forgery. He passed a bogus check on Peter Linder, bartender for R. B. Smith, in the sum of \$25. There were four brothers, all of who passed bogus checks, one being cashed by A. W. Uttinger. Two of the brothers are supposed to be in Portland and one in Astoria, for whom Constable Miller has a warrant for his arrest.

## RAILWAY EXTENSION

### Rock Island Seeking an Outlet on Atlantic Coast

### FOR BIRMINGHAM, GEORGIA

### Chicago & Rock Island Road Contemplate Purchasing the Atlantic & Birmingham Railroad to Secure an Eastern and Southern Outlet.

New York, April 8.—Rock Island railways interests are reported, says the Herald, to be considering the advisability of reaching the Atlantic seaboard through the acquisition of the Atlantic & Birmingham railroad by the Frisco system. This would give the latter road an outlet to the coast at Brunswick, Ga., from its terminal at Birmingham, Ala.

The Atlantic & Birmingham, which runs from Brunswick to Montezuma, Ga., is making preparations to complete its extension to Birmingham. It is a corporation formed under the laws of Georgia, being a consolidation of the railroad company of the same title with the Tifton, Thomasville & Gulf Railway Company and the Tifton & Northeastern Railroad Company. It has a capitalization of \$4,620,000.

It was at one time considered probable that the Rock Island would obtain the Seaboard Air Line for its desired outlet. This and other plans were discussed at various times but never materialized.

### CONTRACT LABOR.

### Japanese to Be Employed in the Work on Panama Canal.

Washington, April 8.—The former Panama canal-commission previously to the time it resigned was about to sign a contract for 2000 Japanese laborers to work on the isthmian canal. The contract provided for a work day of ten hours, and a question arose as to whether the government could employ laborers for more than eight hours in any calendar day. The subject was referred to the attorney general for an opinion.

This opinion has not yet been rendered, and the matter will again come up before the new commission. A question also has been raised as to the right to import contract laborers in the canal zone, but it is held that the canal zone is not like other territory of the United States and therefore is not subject to the contract labor law.

## ASSASSINATED

### Brutal Murder Committed in Colorado.

### JOHN H. FOX KILLED

### Mob of Two Thousand People Gather and Threaten to Lynch Murderer.

### FRUSTRATED BY THE SHERIFF

### Sheriff Dick Davis and Posse of Fifty Deputies Run for a Special Train, Followed by a Howling Mob, and Train Pulis Out in Nick of Time.

Trinidad, Col., April 8.—John H. Fox of Trinidad was assassinated today by Deputy Sheriff Joseph Johnson. An angry mob soon gathered for the purpose of lynching Johnson, but were frustrated by Sheriff Dick Davis and a posse. Later a race between the sheriff and posse with the prisoner for a special train and an angry, excited mob of 2000 people, bent on vengeance, were the wild scenes enacted at Trinidad this afternoon.

The assassination of Fox was the most cold-blooded murder ever committed in Las Animas county. Fox was standing at a desk in the lobby of the postoffice reading a newspaper with his back to the door. Johnson entered with a six shooter in his hand, and without the least warning sneaked up behind Fox and fired. The bullet entered behind the left ear and came out at the forehead, passing through a glass door into the elevator of the lobby, grazed the head of a man who was standing in the elevator.

Fox fell backwards, dead, and Johnson walked from the postoffice and started toward the county jail, when he was arrested by another deputy sheriff and placed in the county jail.

The news of the assassination spread like wildfire and soon a mob of 1000 people had gathered in front of the postoffice, making threats of lynching. When the body of Fox was carried by the mob and placed in the undertaker's wagon, the sight seemed to turn them into frenzy and a rush was made for the county jail and loud cries of "Lynch the Murderer!"

In the meantime the sheriff swore in 50 deputies who surrounded the jail and when the mob reached within a half a block, Sheriff Davis halted them and said: "As sheriff I am sworn to protect my prisoners. I will kill the first man that attempts to come up the steps. If you get Johnson, it will be over my dead body."

This had the effect of checking the mob who lacked a leader and after muttering vengeance for an hour, the mob reformed in front of the post-office, when plans for lynching were openly discussed. Several prominent citizens addressed the mob and during this brief time Sheriff Davis secured a special train on the Colorado & Southern. Later Johnson was surrounded by deputies, and started from the jail on a dead run for the waiting train, three blocks away.

This news reached the mob, who started pell mell after the posse, growing in numbers en route, and finally 2500 people gathered. The sheriff succeeded in getting his prisoner on board, but when the train started the mob was less than 20 yards away, cursing and throwing rocks. After the train ran about 100 yards, the coupling broke. When the mob saw the engine leaving the caboose, they rushed forward again, yelling like man and paid no attention to the command of the posse to halt. In the nick of time the engine was again coupled and made a successful dash. When the mob saw that it had been foiled it dispersed.

Before being placed on the train Johnson was asked by a representative of the Associated Press for a statement. He said: "I killed Fox because he was mad. He prevented me from going after Shoble

because he said I would aid him to escape. We had some words this morning, but I will not tell any."

Johnson was taken to Pueblo. The assassination grew out of the arrest of Vidal Shoble at Oakland, California, on a charge of embezzlement of county funds, while clerk in the county treasurer's office during the administration of Fox as county treasurer. Sheriff Davis was to have sent Johnson after Shoble, but Fox protested and prevailed upon the county commissioners to send one of their own members. This angered Johnson.

### GRANT'S TOMB DAMAGED.

### Elements Cause Spots of Discoloration to Monument.

New York, April 8.—Damage by the elements to the tomb of General U. S. Grant on Riverside drive is reported to be causing much anxiety among the members of the Grand Monument Association, which is interested with the care of the granite pile. Although only seven years old, the white granite exterior shows signs of serious erosion, while leaks recently discovered in the dome have caused spots of discoloration on the decorated plaster interior.

A water proof preparation of paraffine will be applied at once to the exterior of the dome and possibly the whole pile will be later treated in the same manner. The stone will take on a light grayish tint, but this will recede gradually.

### Baseball Scores.

At San Francisco—Portland 2, San Francisco 2.  
At Cambridge—Harvard 7, Trinity 1.  
At New York—Yale 4, New York 17.  
At Los Angeles—Tacoma 1, Los Angeles 2.  
At Oakland—Seattle 0, Oakland 2.

## PRESIDENT OVATION

### Thousands Greet Roosevelt at Stations.

### ASSISTS IN PLANTING TREES

### President Roosevelt Arrives at the End of His Journey and Tomorrow Will Go on a Hunting Expedition to Last for Several Days.

Fort Worth, April 8.—The largest crowd that has ever thronged the streets of Fort Worth welcomed President Roosevelt today when he arrived from San Antonio. The president's special arrived at 9:45 and left at 11:03 o'clock. Forty-one minutes of the president's visit was occupied by the parade in which he rode. The remainder of the time was taken up in shaking hands with his enthusiastic admirers.

The president's visit included the ceremony of planting a tree on the lawn facing the public library. This is the first tree the president has planted since leaving Washington. The ovation which greeted the president exceeded in enthusiasm any ever given in the history of Fort Worth. Never were the business houses and public buildings more profusely decorated and never before did the cheering crowd two miles long stand in line to honor a guest of the city.

Wichita Falls, Tex., April 8.—The president's special train passed here this afternoon. An enthusiastic crowd greeted him.

Fredrick, Okla., April 8.—President Roosevelt reached Fredrick this evening. The president made a short speech and after shaking hands with a few who crowded about he was driven to camp and escorted to Pasture Gate by mounted police.

President Roosevelt is in camp with his comrades in chase at Panther Springs on Red river, 14 miles west of here. Great preparations are being made for the hunt, which will begin tomorrow and continue for five days. Roosevelt is in a happy frame of mind and when he left Fredrick this afternoon looked forward with keen pleasure to the outdoor life which will last for the next few days.